

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE#2a
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Applicant(s): K. AOTA ET AL.
Serial No.: New U.S. Divisional Application
(Corresponds to Appln. Ser. No. 09/546,563
Filed: April 11, 2000)
Filed: April 10, 2001
For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN FRICTION
STIR WELDING
Group Art Unit: 1725
Examiner: K. Stoner

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 10, 2001

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to
examination thereof, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at line 1 on page 1,
and substitute therefor the following:

-- This application is a Divisional application of
application Serial No. 09/546,563, filed April 11, 2000, which
is a Divisional application of application Serial No.
09/025,070, filed February 17, 1998, the contents of which are
incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --.